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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

USTelecom claims that there is no longer any effective competition in the local residential broadband marketplace. That statement is not correct. I live in Oakland CA and use a local ISP (sonic.net) and they provide excellent alternative service to AT&T, and I want to be able to have a choice of broadband providers. I have used the major providers before and I do not want to have to return to them.

Eliminating competition will lead to increased costs and inferior customer service.

Do NOT approve this UST request.

Sincerely,

Neil Lang